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## Housing problem grows with SU student numbers

BY AJIA ALLEN

Staff Writer

Salisbury University educates more than 9,000 undergraduate and graduate students with less than 30 percent of those students housed on campus.

Considered a small school, SU is undertaking expansion projects to accommodate housing for its growing number of admitted students. A projected finalized construction date for the newest off-campus housing community, University Orchard, is planned for the fall of 2013.

University Orchard, located at 106 Farmers Market Lane, will be home to a number of students as the number of enrollees steadily increases.

Available on-campus housing used to accommodate students with a variety of earned credit hours preceding the fall 2012 semester. Freshmen, sophomores, juniors and even a few seniors enjoyed the convenience of on-campus living.

As the freshmen class of 2016 moved in, SU's Campus Housing and Residence Life offices took into consideration the interests of the newest accepted attendees.

"Transfer students and incoming freshmen numbered past 1,300 for school year 2012-2013," said Aaron Basko, assistant vice president for enrollment management.

Freshmen make up the majority of residents living on campus, along with a number of sophomores and other students positioned as resident assistants and resident directors.

Students who lived on campus during the 2011-2012 school year were informed that they would have to seek other options for housing. Off-campus communities will gain a large amount of new residents.

Popular off-campus housing options include University Park, University Village, Cynthia's Place and Seagull Village. Students tend to prefer accommodations close to campus and find relative convenience with these options.

However, space is limited as the majority of students initially look to the most popular options first.

Prices range between \$350 and \$675 a month for rent payments among the popular off-campus living communities.

The recent on-campus housing shift leaves some students at odds. Was the shift in on-campus housing priority fair?

"I believe that it was unfair for students to move off campus last semester because the majority of upperclassmen were housed on campus until they were juniors," said Tondrea Conaway, an SU undergraduate junior.

Others believe the university makes good efforts through its

## Sexual education carnival breaks STD stigma at SU

The SU health center sees around 1,000 students a year for it (that's 1 in 6).

19 million new sexually transmitted infections occur each year among 15-24 year olds.

The most common STD in college students is chlamydia. The most common STD in the US is HPV.



1 in 2 college students nationwide have an STD (18-24 years old).

STDs are more common in women than men (because they often show no visible symptoms).

Wicomico County has one of the highest rates of STDs in MD (along with Montgomery and Baltimore counties).

Graphic by Adora Bowman

BY SAVANNAH ISNER  
Staff Writer

Despite the reputation Salisbury University has attained over the years, current students and faculty members are putting an end to the sexually transmitted disease talk by encouraging everyone to be safe and knowledgeable about sex.

"When I tell people I go to Salisbury one of the things they usually ask me is 'doesn't that school have a lot of STDs,'" junior Christine McFarlane said.

The SU campus has a stigma that its students have a greater chance of getting STDs, but studies have shown that although the national average is high, the campus' numbers have actually decreased.

"I think the rumors started because we are trying to put it out there and not be the ostrich with our head in the sand," said Jennifer Berkman, director of Health Services on campus. "It's not that we have any more or any less; the difference is we talk about it."

Nationwide, 1 in 2 college students have either had an STD previously or currently have one, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Berkman said they see two different kinds of cases dealing with STDs: clinical issues and non-problematic issues such as not

using a condom or having sex under the influence.

"We screen about 1,000 students a year, which would equal 1 in 6 students," Berkman said. "We know there are more that need to be screened."

Among college students the most common STD found is Chlamydia, a bacterial disease that is curable with treatment. Berkman said college is typically the time people have more partners, being the "age of experimentation," which can lead to a higher risk for these diseases.

"It's really a nip and tuck between HPV and Chlamydia," Berkman said, referring to the types of STDs students come in with. "Although Chlamydia is curable, HPV isn't."

About 65 percent of college students are sexually active and only 25 percent of students use of contraception. In order to get the message out and hopefully inform as many students as possible about keeping their bodies safe, Senior Public Relations Practicum student Asianne Martin put on a Sexual Health Education and Self-Awareness Carnival.

"All of this is to celebrate World AIDS day that's happening on Dec. 1," Martin said.

World AIDS day is "an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the

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## Violent crime in Salisbury scares students, community

BY MOLLY FELDMAN AND SARAH KRAUSS  
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to be weary of opening the door for strangers and to identify the persons before letting anyone inside.

Salisbury Police recognized the spike of burglaries in their quarterly review. According to the review, "the number of robberies has increased over the same period last year... all areas of the City have experienced burglaries and they remain a valid concern especially in the college housing neighborhoods."

Salisbury Police have increased their presence in the neighborhoods that experience the most thefts. However, just a few weeks after the aforementioned home invasion, students were informed of a robbery turned violent crime taking place just blocks away from SU's campus.

Two men were shot during an armed robbery on Margaret Street, which is located approximately one mile from campus and amidst hous-



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## SU aids Crisfield, Md., in wake of hurricane

BY TAYLOR COLBERT  
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When Hurricane Sandy hit the Eastern Shore, it left a trail of fallen trees, debris and many residents without power, behind.

One community close to Salisbury University, the small town of Crisfield, Md., was hit especially hard.

Crisfield, located in Somerset County, is home to almost 3,000 people. In the wake of Sandy, businesses closed, neighborhoods were destroyed and hundreds of residents were left without power and resources.

### STD

fight against HIV," according to their website.

Martin said she had someone in her family who suffered from an STD and wanted to make sure everyone becomes aware of ways to prevent it.

Brandy Nobiling, a human sexuality teacher, spoke during the event to try and educate students.

"We just want college students to be aware of sexual practices and behavior," Nobiling said. "We wanted an environment where the students are comfortable talking about the issues."

The carnival included a table from Pure Romance, a company for women, by women, and a lot of on-campus organizations such as WXSU DJing the event, Public Relations Student Society of America, Pi Lambda Phi and Zeta.

Heather Giovenco, a junior and sister in Zeta, said the carnival was a good opportunity for their sorority.

### CRIME

which students rent. According to WUSA News, "Police say they believe six to eight men were walking down the street when four of them walked toward the victims. Two of them, who were armed, demanded money, say state police."

One of the victims died from the injuries received during the robbery. SU students, especially those in off-campus housing, were shaken by the news of such crimes occurring near the university.

SU Senior Megan Cohen said she does not feel safe at school because of the crime notices sent out frequently.

"It concerns me because I have some classes at night and afterward I have to walk out to my car in the parking lot alone," Cohen said.

She, like many other stu-

"Shock settled into the community right after the hurricane struck," said Katelyn Hall, Crisfield resident and SU senior. "The flood damage alone just consumed the town."

In preparation for the super-storm, Crisfield locals boarded the windows of their homes and businesses, and many evacuated the area until further notice. Volunteers ventured out to the homes of residents who could not venture on their own, helping them gather their belongings and move to safer ground.

Despite the devastation to the community, the people of Crisfield have reached out to help one another and relief efforts have not stopped.

"Even though the storm hit us very hard," Hall said, "we have become stronger as a community, and we're working hard to fix the damages."

Aside from the rebuilding within the community, Crisfield has also received aid from outside sources, including efforts from SU. The SU Social Work Department is collecting items like canned food, clothing, toys and toiletries for Crisfield residents.

"I think that our town is truly blessed to have all of the help that has been given to us," Hall said. "I'd like to give special thanks to SU for

coming down to help our town. It shows that our campus cares about other communities and it's always willing to lend a helping hand."

For more information on how to help Crisfield, or to make a donation to the relief fund, call the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce at (410) 968-2500, or "like" Crisfield, MD on Facebook.

### HOUSING

ity to get involved and help students learn about something they are passionate about: breast cancer awareness.

"We had 20-plus girls come and learn about how to get self-examined," Giovenco said. "We just want people to be aware."

Because the carnival was located in the Link of Nations in Guerrier University Center, there was a lot of foot traffic and opportunities for students to learn. Martin said there was a good turnout and people seemed to enjoy how interactive the learning was.

"This was a chance for people to see that Student Health Services does a lot more than students think," Martin said.

More information about safe sex, STDs and general health questions can be answered by calling or visiting Health Services located in Holloway Hall.

"I feel that the university works hard to place students on campus and with people that they will get along with," said Samira Burris, RA for the on-campus housing complex Sea Gull Square. "In recent years, the university has become so popular that we can't house everyone on campus that's why we expanded."

Senior and commuter, Rachel Harris, feels similarly to Burns about on-campus accommodations, yet is uncertain of the level of off-campus assistance and referral.

"On campus, I think they do a good job rooming people together that have stuff in common so they are more compatible," Harris said. "Off campus, I'm really not familiar."

SU's enrollment records reveal that the school's student population has continued to grow since 2001. Campus Housing and Residence Life continues to work

toward solutions for accommodation of the school's increasing student numbers.

University Orchard's space availability may help lessen incoming students' concerns. According to the off-campus community website, four-bedroom, four-bathroom and two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartments are available for a price range between \$715 and \$775.

University Orchard will have the shuttle service provided for the community like University Village and University Park. An added destination increases the campus shuttle time to make a complete round trip.

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Considering the options presented for non-freshmen students who attend SU, the increase in cost may not appeal to them or their parents. But the value and convenience of available housing availability may exceed the costs.

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"The cords are cut and the bike is taken right from the bike racks," Bradley said. "You are always encouraged to lock up your bike."

Bradley recommended the U-Lock for its sturdy metal, which is much more difficult to cut. SU Police says they have charged people with bike theft, but they are finding a bigger problem with people stealing in Maggs Gym.

"There is usually a spike in thefts in May and November which are the end of the semesters," SU Police Lt. Sandy Bradley said. "I can't say why."

The suspects are a mixture of students and non-students.

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ents, lives off campus, where the reality of home invasions and violent crimes are greater.

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Bradley advised students to be more cautious about their personal belongings.

"To the extent that you can, don't leave your belongings out in the open," Bradley said.

According to SU Police, they receive an estimated 15-20 calls a week. Thursday

night and Friday morning are their busiest time and when they tend to hand out more alcohol citations.

"We don't have violent crimes on campus," Bradley said.

But students can become wary about walking around on campus in the dark. Malingen said she has not felt unsafe, but it's also not something she thinks about.

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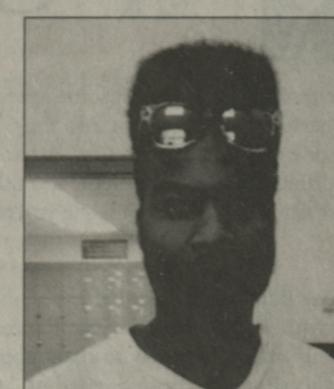
## Overheard: What will your New Year's resolution be?



"To get straight A's."  
-Tyler Gruzs, Senior



"To spend more time on school work."  
-Melissa Ruck, Junior



"To take more time to work out at the gym."  
-James Price, Senior



"To drink less."  
-Aanchal Singh, Senior



"To make at least one new friend and make a positive impact on their life."  
-Jess Talent, Junior

## An inconvenient truth in the parking garage



BY PETE HICKS  
Editor-in-Chief

Having to park all the way across Route 13 in the Bateman Street parking garage already creates a hassle for students when it comes to getting to class, so you would think that the university would do everything that they could to make it a quick and simple process.

You would be wrong. The parking garage has a fatal flaw that causes massive backups of traffic throughout the morning hours during the week. The barriers that control access in and out of the parking garage are an unnecessary hassle that stops the flow of vehicles around the already convoluted roads that surround the garage and make students late for classes.

The barriers rise up when students who have parking permits for the garage swipe their Gull Card, but this is pointless since all of the students who have the permits also have stickers on their cars that denote their right to park there. With university police officers patrolling the garage like they patrol campus, they can easily spot and give tickets to anyone who is illegally parked.

There have been many days when the barriers were broken or out of order and students could move freely in and out of the parking garage with no negative consequences. In fact, for the first few weeks of the semester the barriers were never lowered. But when the barriers are down, the time it takes for each driver to swipe their card, have the bar raise, drive through into the garage and have the bar lower again will leave a line of cars stretching down both Bateman Street and Wayne Street, leaving students late and local motorists trapped.

If students have other ways besides swiping their Gull Cards to prove they can park in the garage, then what other reasons could there be for this obviously unnecessary obstacle? Safety cannot be the cause, because car barriers do nothing to stop the multitudes of people that walk through the parking garage every day. If somebody wants to be in there that shouldn't be, only assistance from university police could solve that problem.

Salisbury University, please make the lives of your commuting students a little bit easier and leave those barriers raised year round. Traffic on the way to class leads to dissatisfied students, dissatisfied students lead to bad grades, bad grades make the university look bad. Don't look bad SU, and don't try and ignore this inconvenient truth.

## Our View

### Kerry for Secretary of State

While Congress is debating over the appropriate deal that should be made to prevent the country from going the way of *Thelma and Louise*, another fight is brewing in the Senate.

The second-most talked about fight in Washington is about who should replace Hillary Clinton, who is retiring after Obama's first term expires, as Secretary of State. The two frontrunners for the position are United Nations Ambassador Susan Rice and Massachusetts Senator John Kerry, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

The potential nomination of Susan Rice has generated some controversy because of the comments she made on Sunday talk shows following the Sept. 11 attacks on United States embassies in Benghazi which killed four Americans, including the U.S. Ambassador to Libya. Rice said that the intelligence she was given on the attack insinuated that it was sparked by the anti-Muslim video "Innocence of Muslims." It was later discovered that this information was inaccurate.

Despite this controversy, it should not disqualify Rice from running as Secretary of State. Humans make mistakes. All she did on the Sunday shows was tell the American people the information that she was given regarding Benghazi. Condoleezza Rice was not disqualified to be Secretary of State, despite the fact that she gave inaccurate information regarding the presence of nuclear weapons in Iraq.

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## Are the victims forgotten in sex crime scandals?



BY AJIA ALLEN  
Staff Writer

Sex-related incidents and crimes are the most underreported issues.

Sex crimes are not to be misconstrued as only including brutal rapes on women. All situations in which there is at least one victim rather than a voluntary participant as a result of a sexual act are considered molestation, harassment and other wise a sex crime.

Kerry would be a better-reviewed choice not just by the Senate, but by the American people, millions of whom voted him for president in 2004 and by the international community. Kerry's experience in the Vietnam War, despite being wrongfully and disgracefully mortified by the Bush reelection campaign in 2004, provides him with personal experiences and knowledge that Susan Rice does not have.

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status stops him from being recognized. Perhaps the accuser's reason for making his accusations public were fully financially motivated or a former lover's revenge.

Scandal aside, the accuser could in fact have been a victim. The justice system cannot be relied on in matters of sex-related crimes because the matter is jarringly subjective.

It is unlikely for victims to voice their concerns or an attack at any level. Sex crimes and related acts are completely psychologically scarring, and society has yet to become fully capable of addressing the issue without further humiliating the victim.

Recent accusations during trials are usually due to limited evidence found by prosecution or pressure forced by the media. Rather than the victim being an outright liar as the defense would have it, recanting is legal justification for the offenders but not justification for the victims.

The justice system is insufficient in handling issues that are emotionally and psychologically bound. Issues relevant to the recent Sesame Street scandal show that there are many problems with acknowledging victims and their suffering.

Victims of all ages need to be heard and understood. Expressing the problem is the first step to recovery.

Inappropriate sex-related acts are highly sensitive and very relevant in today's society. Yet, the victim's voice is still silenced as if sex has now become a fully-loaded, dominating weapon.

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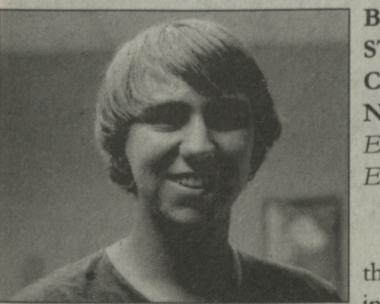
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## Senate in need of filibuster reform



BY STEVEN CEN-NAME  
Editorial Editor

The use of the filibuster in the Senate

is at an all-time high, with the minority party using it to block virtually every bill that the Democrats are trying to put on the president's desk. This practice has made the Senate the most inefficient legislative body in the world, making the 80th Congress, which President Harry Truman referred to as the "Do-Nothing Congress," look like the most proficient Congress ever.

Democrats are now trying to fix the filibuster by turning it back into what is used to be. The filibuster used to be a practice that Senators used

to appreciate not having the Democrats effortlessly block every piece of legislation that the Republicans try to pass. However, when the Republicans were in power from 2002-2006, the Democrats did not invoke the filibuster nearly as many times as the Republicans have the past four years.

Filibuster reform would make Congress more able to get work done for the American people. We elected our senators and representatives to get to work, not to obstruct.

If you want to see for yourself how the filibuster used to be conducted and how the Democrats are proposing how it should work for the next Congress, I suggest watching the 1939 movie "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington." Or, go to the CSPAN video archives and watch the late Senator Wayne Morse's 1953 filibuster against the Tidelands Oil Legislation.

# PARTY GIRL PROBLEMS

BY ABIGAIL COLBY  
*Party Girl Problems Columnist*

While all that was required to get into the Christmas spirit in childhood were some carols and sugar cookies, spreading holiday cheer in college is a whole different ball game. Check out Party Girl Problems' basic guide to everything you need to know about having a jolly good time this Holiday season.

**For DC:**  
SantaCrawl: A Holiday Bar Crawl. Dec. 15, 2012. A local favorite, this gathering of Santa's from the realms of the nation's capital truly makes for a day to remember. With drink specials at DC hotspots for those dressed up as every one's favorite fat man, this all-day holiday themed bash is sure to get you into the Santa spirit. Grab your best Santa hat and some tinsel and hit the road with this group for a good time that might even make the reindeer blush. Check out [facebook.com/santarchydc](http://facebook.com/santarchydc) for more info.

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Look, it's pretty hard to spread Christmas cheer if you aren't dressed in the correct cheer-spreading attire. Santa hats simply aren't cutting it this time around. Whether it's using tinsel as hair accessories, rocking a full-blown Santa beard or dressing yourself up as a life-size Christmas present, you've got to make sure you're holding your own this season. Light-up necklaces and Santa suspenders are also a crowd pleaser, as displayed in the picture at the end of this article from the Salisbury University Holiday Party Archives circa 2011.

**Know the holiday hotspots close to your hometown**  
Don't let being on winter break stop you from having a holiday to remember! Check out these two Christmas-themed bar events that are sure to be a good time.

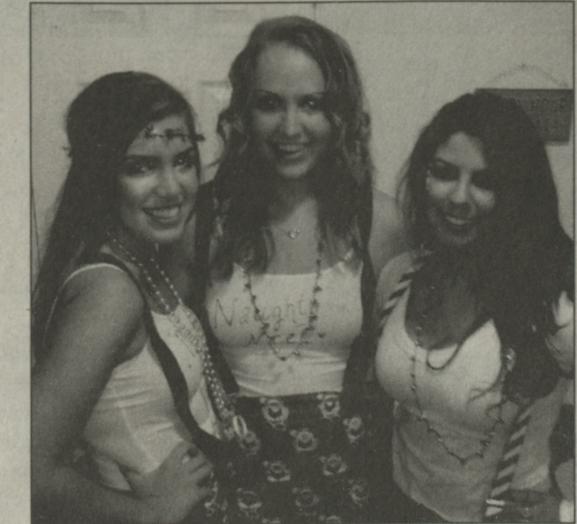
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Power Plant's Annual Holiday Light Show. It's held every weekend from now until New Years. Grab a drink, your friends and start mentally preparing now

## A holiday to remember: Steps to a great Christmas night

for this waterfront extravaganza. This awesome spread of holiday cheer is the perfect way to get you into the Christmas spirit, located in the one and only Charm City. A bar known for their affordable drinks and entertainment, add this Baltimore favorite to your list of places to hit while you're home this holiday season.

**3. Whipping out some Christmas lingo.** Asking a person of interest where they plan on sleeping tonight may get you a slap in the face, however asking something along the lines of "Hey Babe, why don't we leave here in my sleigh and let the reindeers take us back to the North Pole?" may do the trick.

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### NOVEMBER 2012 SCHOLAR HOLLER WINNER MALLORY HAGADORN



**Major:** Biology

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**Words of wisdom:** "Find the spark in life that inspires you and pursue it. Don't be afraid of taking risks and believe that what you're doing now will enable you to make a difference in the world someday. Remember to never take yourself too seriously, laugh often, and love the life you're living."

**Recommended by:** Professor Dana Price

**Who said:** "I believe she is truly an excellent research student and she is an exceptional Biology student. She is a leader among her peers and is a great role model. This is further exemplified by her work with TRIO this fall!"

## Center for Student Achievement

### OCTOBER 2012 SCHOLAR HOLLER WINNER ADRIANNA WEISSBURG



**Major:** Business Management and Conflict Analysis & Dispute Resolution

**Hometown:** Arnold, Maryland

**Words of wisdom:** "I think the most successful people are ones confident in themselves and what they believe in. Invite challenges, and let yourself get into uncomfortable situations. These moments are where you will grow most, as a student, and as an individual. Remind yourself that today becomes yesterday, and tomorrow becomes today. So don't take yourself too seriously, and know sometimes the biggest questions have the most simple answers. And always, make big plans."

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# GULL LIFE

December 4, 2012

## Local groups light up Delmarva

BY DYLAN CRAIG  
*Staff Writer*

"Santa's Village," where they will find vendors, entertainers and bonfires.

One entertainer is Sandy Johnson, leader of Sunshine Entertainment. However, in "Santa's Village," she goes by her character's name "N'Charge."

"What we do during the holidays is put together characters that children can truly believe in," Johnson said.

With her cast of colorful characters, each equipped with a specific backstory and unique costume, Johnson is able to do just that.

Ribbons, played by Salisbury University Junior, Michelle Cassel, wears a tall green top and red and white striped shirt and a big grin. After working in the wrapping department at the North Pole, Cassel said she is happy to be back on the Eastern Shore and out of the frigid cold.

Each character is able to make children and adults laugh together, giving holiday cheer to everyone who passes by. Johnson said looking out for Grinches is another duty of the cast because there is always one wherever you go.

Surrounding schools are also able to get involved through dance recitals and tree decorating competitions, each giving the festival a strong community feel. College students are allowed a five-dollar discount and can also participate to raise money for their fraternity or sorority, giving incentive for all age groups to join in.



*Photo courtesy of Sandy Johnson*

A young girl enjoys the wonders of Santa's Village, a part of the Decorating Delmarva event.

Decorating Delmarva is not the light show Delmarva. With an inspiring cause, great holiday cheer and already over one thousand visitors a night, Decorating Delmarva is off to an extraordinary start.

## Students, faculty discuss acceptance of tattoos in professional workplace

BY DIANA LEWIS  
*Staff Writer*

would be lowered because of visible body art, and 76 percent said they believe visible tattoos are unprofessional.

SU freshman Francis Malzone, who has a large tattoo of a cardinal across his back, said he disagrees with the fact that tattoos have an effect on those entering into the professional field.

"It is a travesty that people look down on those who decide to cover their body with art," he said.

Malzone said a person's body is their own art project, and that they should be allowed to put whatever they wish on their body and it should have no effect on whether they get a job or not.

SU student Jessica Rowlands, who has a quote with butterflies decorating her shoulder, said she believes tattoos should be accepted in the workplace.

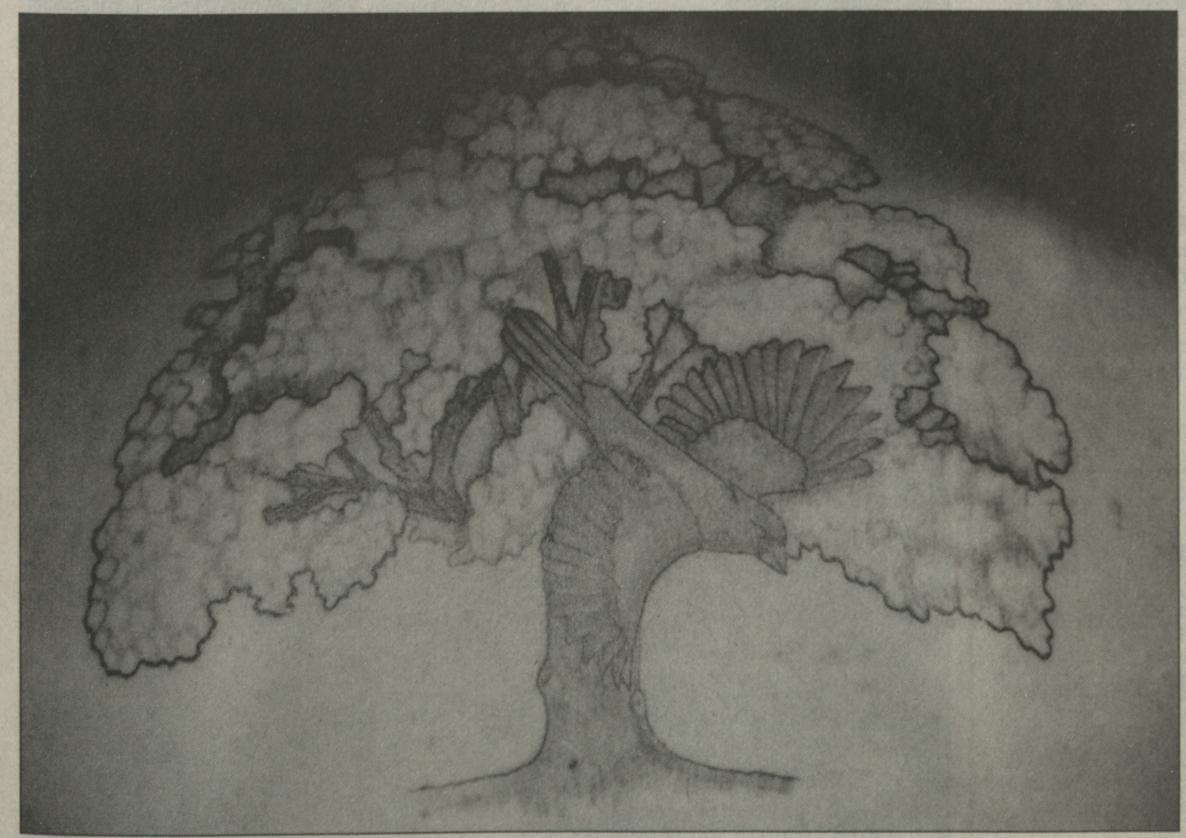
"I feel that tattoos should be allowed to an extent," she said. "It should not impact your view on a person's work ability. It really depends on what the tattoo is and if it is appropriate."

Rowlands said tattoos that mean something should not have a negative impact on the way a person is viewed when it comes to the professional world.

Hornet added that some careers in the professional world, like artsy ones, would appreciate visible tattoos more than in careers in accounting or law.

Tattoos become popular in society, the popularity within the professional industry gradually continues to decrease. The overall consensus about tattoos in the professional world lessens the chance for people to get better jobs.

In a 2011 study by Careerbuilder.com, 42 percent of managers said their opinion of a potential employee



*Photo by Diana Lewis*

SU freshman Francis Malzone proudly bears a large tattoo of a cardinal and a tree across his back.

## Debate continues on gay marriage

BY LAUREN BOYD  
*Staff Writer*

happy for you. Both of those things are important."

SU senior Samuel Wright said understanding same-sex marriage is about acceptance.

"We're all human beings and no matter what we believe it's an issue that really is very important to us," Wright said. "We really need to see what's keeping us from agreeing on the issue of gay marriage."

Corvino also addressed the argument that same-sex marriage would be bad for children. He said this is the worst kind of argument because same-sex marriage never takes children away from their biological parents who want them. It takes the children who are being denied the stability of a family and provides them with a loving home.

Corvino pleaded to his audience to take action and help others become educated on the issue. He suggested attending forums and reading up on the issue. While many people are hesitant to read text on the issue because they believe it's being presented with a biased opinion, Corvino proved this isn't always the case. His book "Debating Same-Sex Marriage" is actually co-written by Maggie Gallagher, a panelist speaker who spoke at SU earlier this semester against gay marriage.

Although the decision has been made for Maryland, a lot more is still being done to get information on same-sex marriage out not only in the states that haven't passed the law yet, but also Maryland and other states that have passed the law.

At SU, the issue of acceptance still remains. Bisexual Transgender Gay Lesbian and Straight Supporters member Rachel Sapienza, who said she has identified as bisexual since she was a little girl, said one of the reasons she chose to come to SU was that the school already had a club in place.

"As I grew, I knew that there was something off about me and, as I grew, I learned to hide it," Sapienza said. "Small-town Ohio still isn't the most progressive place in the country, and it certainly wasn't thirteen or fourteen years ago."

Sapienza said she has since become comfortable enough to be on SU's campus.

"All relationships are built on trust, gay or straight," she said. "Communities are built on trust as well. Individuals have to trust the community in order to be themselves and be happy. That's what this club is all about; we want to foster a place for everyone - gay, straight, and everything in between - to be comfortable and receive support."

## ADVENTURES ABROAD



Photo by Cory Nethen  
Protesters in the streets of Spain fight against unfavorable government policies aimed at reducing the country's debt.

BY COREY NETHEN  
Staff Writer

Fireworks illuminated the pitch-black sky as an ear-splitting boom echoed through the streets of downtown Málaga.

Thousands of civilians gathered to march down the street, bringing along elderly family members, babies in strollers and barking dogs. Smiling couples waved to others whom they recognized on the sides of the busy street as they blew the bright green whistles hanging around their necks. The spirit here was undeniable, but this was no celebration.

On Nov. 14, Spain was one of many European countries to participate in a 24-hour general strike

## A nation-wide strike in Spain has a noble goal, but leaves innocent people injured

52 percent.

My friend, Ektor, manages an Irish pub in a popular plaza nearby and claims that every day he witnesses up to six people, resume in hand, looking for unspecified work despite their college diploma.

But why strike, you ask? In summary, it is the public's response to Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy's tactics to reduce the amount of money that the country needs to borrow in order to fund its spending. Rajoy aims to do so by approving major cuts in public service, wages and increasing taxes. In turn, these cuts directly affect the lives of millions of Spaniards, their jobs and the wellbeing of their families.

Suicide rates are rising rapidly and many blame the banks. After 2008 property values crashed, making it hard for homeowners to make repayments. The problem here is that the money that the banks lend out from the international pot, instead of solely coming from their saver's deposits.

I am fully supportive of the idea that these people band together and voice their freedoms and concerns, but not everyone's motives are harm-free. In Málaga, it is extremely common to see promoters of clubs and restaurants pass out small flyers in the city center, but on a day where many expect all businesses to shut their doors, the promoters have a target on their heads.

If you're wondering how the young people here are faring, it's equally pitiful. The National Statistical Institute (INE) reported that unemployment for Spanish civilians younger than 25 has now reached

it's important that the population unite together to voice their discontent with government action. The banks and conservative People's Party government need to collaborate on strategies that will make it possible for that baby being pushed in his stroller to have the opportunity to work when the time comes.

Masses of people shouting "Huelga!" (the Spanish word for strike) stormed into restaurants and bars that were still open after midnight, forcing them to close. Smoke bombs were tossed into bars suspected of having business beyond their partially closed aluminum roll-up door.

Although everyone has their own interpretation of the act of striking,



Photo submitted by Cory Nethen  
The huelga, or strike, in Spain, allows for people all over the country to leave work and take to the streets in an effort to change national policy.

## Students explore French music with recital

BY JASMINE CLAY  
Staff Writer

Eleven Salisbury University students were featured in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall last month as they took on French songs through singing and playing the cello and piano.

SU Professor John Wesley Wright served as the artistic director, music and direction coach and program coordinator to create the unforgettable recital. He chose the repertoire and creatively staged the performers so that students sang from the balcony, walked in from the back of the room and ran into the room as they began to sing in a very theatrical manner to match their song.

"Delving into the character of the piece is crucial to a great performance," said Junior vocal major Michael Pistorio. "I just want to make sure that the audience can feel what the piece is trying to tell them."

Pistorio said the group began planning the event at the beginning of the semester. "We spend two months studying the text, translations, composers and settings of the pieces," he said. "The professors will not give us something we can't handle, but will give us pieces that challenge us in all possible aspects of performance."

The first section of the recital was a prelude that featured Grace Wheatley playing a Claude Debussy piece on the piano. Following that was a section on French Art Songs, which were set to the text of a poem. Cassidy Korb was the first soprano of the night also featuring Debussy. Breanna Courville sang next, along with Caitlyn Howard and Pistorio.

Seven folk melodies and cabaret songs made up the third section of the recital, featuring voice major Amanda Lundstrom and professor Tara Gladden.

A cello performance by Madeleine Clifton made up the fourth section on Romance.

The last section was "To the Opera" and opened up with a duet by James Carpenter and Pistorio. Next was a song by Leah Wilson, a song by Brittany Eaton, a duet by Nathan Gioconda and Pistorio, a duet by Howard and Korb and a song by Anne Binkley.

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## SU bridges Jewish, Israeli culture

BY SAMANTHA STACKHOUSE  
Staff Writer

Salisbury University brings Jewish food and Israeli music together for one night that will open minds and broaden horizons Dec. 11.

Before enjoying an exhilarating Israeli concert, students can venture to The Commons Bistro for an international meal featuring Hanukkah-inspired dishes, which will include matzo ball soup, couscous, potato latkes and apple knish.

After dinner, participants can go to Holloway Hall Auditorium to hear Israeli sensation Mika Karni and the Kol Dodi band.

Karni is a trained classical violinist who began playing as a young child. She was then signed to the largest Israeli record company, Helicon, before graduating college. Her first album won her an ACUM prize for Artist of the Year, as she paved her way into the hearts of citizens living in the largest part of the country's music scene.

Her newest project, Kol Dodi, is a musical ensemble of Israeli, Moroccan, Yemenite and Ethiopian musicians and singers. The band's sound combines traditional Jewish melodies with African-Ethnic rhythms with a taste of folk/singer-songwriter qualities.

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were never bored," Wright said. "That says a lot...especially given the stigma surrounding classical music and music in a foreign language."

The performers were assisted by pianists Edgar Isaac and Susan Zimmer. Professors Derek Bowden and Jeffrey Schoyen both served as instructors to the performers.

Pistorio said he and Gioconda both worked on their parts independently over the summer, and then came together in the fall. He also noted that that duet is generally reserved for graduate music students.

"We truly treasure the ability to give this recital," he said. "It's empowering to be able to do justice to the work of these wonderful composers."

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## SPORTS

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BY AMY MCFARLAND  
Staff Writer

After a 2012 season that included victories, losses and even a hurricane, Salisbury's fall sports have wrapped up their final results.

Salisbury's No. 4 Field Hockey team (15-3, 4-1) reached the second round of the NCAA Division III Field Hockey Championship Tournament, but fell to the University of Rochester. This ended careers of the five seniors who earned two Capital Athletic Conference titles and the 2009 NCAA DIII Field Hockey Championship.

"We have some very talented players," said Head Coach Dawn Chamberlin. "That was helpful and hurtful all at the same time."

Seniors Amber Holland, Erica Henderson and Kristina Fusco were named to the All-South Team by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association. Holland and Fusco were also named to the Synapse Sports DIII All-American Team. The team began with an 11-game winning streak and progressed to the NCAA tournament for the 28th time in history.

"We lost six starters out of 11 from last year," Chamberlin said. "To be able to come back and have a year where we only have 3 close losses is a great feat in itself."

Salisbury's Men's soccer team (9-7-2, 4-1-1) ended their season in the CAC's tournament semifinal against the University of Mary Washington with a loss of 1-0 in double overtime.

"This season was different because even though we returned our entire starting line-up, we didn't make the tournament and we didn't win the CAC," said Senior Goalie John Vnenchak.

Despite the loss, forward Matt Greene, defensive-mid Chase Humphrey and senior mid-fielder Pat Callahan were named to the All-CAC first team, while mid-fielder Jimmy Mundy and defender Larry Cornish were named to the second team.

"We started out strong in the season, we just weren't able to pull the right results out in the end," said Senior Kyle Simmons.

Salisbury Women's soccer (11-5-2, 5-1) closed out the season in the CAC championship game against Frostburg, falling 4-3 in penalty kicks after a scoreless game and double overtime.

"Last year we had a winning conference championship so that was our goal this year, and we came very close," said Head Coach Jim Nestor.

Seniors Casey Hafford, Erin Mooney, Sarah Pfundstein and Bonnie Sandone made the All-CAC first team along with goalie Michelle Conrad, while Tabitha Brown was named to the second team.

"It was stated that we played the toughest schedule in the nation, so it speaks highly that we still had a winning record," Conrad said.

SU's Men's and Women's Cross Country teams placed third at the CAC Championship in Frostburg and five runners reached the NCAA Division III Mideast Regional Championships.

Freshman Kyle Tockman placed 31st and was named to the All-Region team and given All-Freshman Mideast Region honors. Sophomore Hailey Spinapont was the women's top finisher at 40th place.

"Not winning conferences was not how we wanted to end the season, but besides that we placed well in our previous races," said Tockman.

The men's team was able to place fourth at the Gettysburg Invitational, and the women's team achieved first place at the Don Catheir Invitational at Salisbury. Though neither team was able to make it to the National Championships, Head Coach Jim Jones described it as a learning year.

"Already I've seen a difference in attitude and in focus, and that leads me to believe that we'll have a great year in the spring in the track and then fall," Jones said.

## Sea Gulls reach end of 2012 season

By AMY MCFARLAND  
Staff Writer

## SU FALL SPORTS ROUNDUP

### FOOTBALL

win - 9      loss - 3      tie - 2      W - 6      L - 1

non-conference play

### MEN'S SOCCER

win - 9      loss - 7      tie - 2

non-conference play

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

win - 11      loss - 5      tie - 2

non-conference play

### VOLLEYBALL

win - 37      loss - 4

non-conference play

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win - 15      loss - 15

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## Cheerleading: To be, or not to be a sport?

BY ALANNA LAWSON  
Staff Writer

The controversy about whether cheerleading is a sport has been a heavily debated topic for decades, and now after over 110 years the controversial topic it has made its way to the campus of Salisbury University.

According to Title IX, a portion of the Education Amendments of 1972, any activity can be considered a sport if it actually upholds specific criteria. These include practices, coaches, competitions, a stable season and a governing organization.

Much of this is true for cheerleading, with the exception of its main goal being to support other sports teams and not compete in championship opportunities.

Even on the National Collegiate Athletic Association Gender-Equity Report released from 2004-2010, cheerleading was under the subcategory "Spirit Groups," accompanying bands, dance teams and mascots.

Cheerleading on SU's campus is considered a sport in some respects. It is listed on the Campus Recreation Sports Clubs list, and as far as they are concerned, "a sport club may be oriented toward any or all of the following: competition, teaching, recreation or socialization."

However, volleyball and rugby are on the list, and most people consider these intense activities sports.

Maya Jennings, a senior

with seven years of experience with cheerleading, said the activity is often misunderstood to many individuals on the outside looking in.

"A sport is more than a team competing against another team to win. It is also working with others, the physical activity and risk of injuries taken with each practice and performance," Jennings said.

Senior teammate McKensey Hoover, who has six years of experience, said there is a significant amount of preparation that goes into a cheerleader's routine.

"At practice we tumble, jump, stunt and go over our routine multiple times," Hoover said. "We do this for both games and competitions. Tumblers, stunt bases, backs and flyers are the most prone to injuries on a cheerleading team, and that's just about everyone on the team."

Another cheerleader, Darrian Booz, a freshman with nine years under her belt, said many don't realize that the cheerleaders at schools are not the only ones who exist. All-star teams are also official cheerleaders. Cheerleaders must try out, and continue to perform up to strict standards on a constant basis. They are eligible to be cut at any time.

Even though the average person only sees and knows cheerleaders for cheering the "real" sports teams on, they are more dynamic than that. Jennings, Booz and Hoover all admit that their gameface is much different from their

competition face.

They agreed that the more sportlike aspect of cheering is seen and displayed at competitions, and said they can understand peoples' reasoning for saying cheering isn't a sport. But sitting with a higher level of experience, Coach Vicky Liwush spoke with a firm opinion.

"It's a hobby," Winston explained. "If you can't go pro I feel like it's something done more for enjoyment. Rather than being solely for competitiveness or a way to employment like other well-known real sports, it is mostly done for that person's own pleasure."

Some athletes from other SU sports teams said cheer-



Photo by Alanna Lawson

The SU cheerleaders practice routines in Maggs gym that can be used both in competitions and to cheer on other teams.

Coach Liwush passionately feels cheerleading is a sport.

On the contrary, not everyone is in favor of declaring cheerleading a sport. Keaira Winston, a sophomore with three years of experience, said cheerleading does not stand on par with other athletics.

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Some athletes from other SU sports teams said cheer-

leading deserves to be called one, even though it isn't as intense.

"Sure cheerleading is a sport," said Kelvin White, a freshman football player. Keaira Winston, a sophomore with three years of experience, said cheerleading does not stand on par with other athletics.

"It's a hobby," Winston explained. "If you can't go pro I feel like it's something done more for enjoyment. Rather than being solely for competitiveness or a way to employment like other well-known real sports, it is mostly done for that person's own pleasure."

Moreover, White said he believes their competitions as well as performances are more geared toward being a club sport that can be open to anyone who tries, but a sport nevertheless. Winston, on the other hand, agrees

with White that it's dangerous and requires skill, but considering it a sport would be "a bit much."

Although this debate has been closely examined and whether opinions are swayed in one direction or the other, cheerleaders are enthusiastically showing spirit on the sidelines and during intense competitions.

SU's cheerleaders in particular can always be spotted during a football or basketball game. Fans can expect to support them from the crowd during a game. They will be competing in their biggest competition yet at Frostburg this February.

## Women's basketball wins Optimist Tournament

BY GEORGE KIRIAZOGLOU  
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University women's basketball team fought off the Trailblazers from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts to win the 2012 Optimist Tournament on Saturday.

It was a hard fought battle, but in the end Salisbury came out on top 74-68.

From the start of the game Salisbury came out confident with the urge to win. The Sea Gulls were able to control possession of the ball, as well as the tempo. Much like Salisbury's first game of the tournament against Valley Forge Christian College, they controlled the game early on and set the tone for the way the rest of the game would go.



Photo by Justin Odenthal  
Sophomore point guard Anna Hackett goes for a lay up in the first half of the Optimist Classic against Valley Forge Christian College.

## Sea Gulls look toward 2013 with confidence

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Junior forward Becca Himes put the first points on the board for the Sea Gulls, and from there on the scoring continued. Senior forward Katie McGahagan increased the Salisbury lead early on and dominated the first half of the game with seven rebounds. Both teams had their share of turnovers, but Salisbury was able to slow down the opponents and set up scoring opportunities.

Sophomore point guard Anna Hackett would score a lay up early in the game increasing Salisbury's lead to 11-3. With 16 minutes still left in the first half the Sea Gulls had an 8 point advantage over the Trailblazers.

The Trailblazers three pointers kept them in the game for a little while, but with a combination of

accurate passing and high percentage shots, the Sea Gulls went into half time with a comfortable lead 38-23.

Coming out of half time, the MCLA Trailblazers had a new mindset that tested the Sea Gulls. MCLA began scoring basket after basket and would eventually make a close game. After hitting a three pointer with nine minutes left in the game, the Trailblazers made it a six point game.

With the volleyball team advancing to the NCAA nationals and six players named all-conference on the women's soccer team, hopefully SU's success will carry into the upcoming spring season.

The men's basketball team (6-1) has had a successful season thus far with the help of senior guard

Travis Vann who has averaged 24 points and nine rebounds since the start of the season. Currently ranked No. 1 in the Capital Athletic Conference, the team's main focus is to obtain a CAC title and championship this season.

"Our goal is to improve daily and focus on the process of being better than we were the day before," said Head Coach Josh Merkel. "Our team said at the first team meeting that our goal is to win the CAC and win the CAC championship. It has not been done in 15 years."

Our women's basketball team (3-3) just recently swept through the Optimist Classic Dec. 1, winning both games in the tournament.

With big plays by sophomore point guard and CAC rookie of the year, Anna Hackett has averaged 16.4 points this season and is hungry for more. The women Sea Gulls will have their next game on Dec. 6 against Eastern University.

"Our game plan today was to play Salisbury basketball and control the tempo of the game," said Hackett.

Senior forward Katie McGahagan had her second double-double performance with 16 points and 15 boards. Hackett lead the Sea Gulls with 24 points in the game and Becca Himes recorded seven points, two steals and two assists.

"The team played very hard in both games, our defense needs some work and needs to hold teams to a smaller number of points," said second year Head Coach Kelly Lewandowski.

Salisbury's next game will take place on Dec. 6, when they travel to Eastern University.

Having a 21-1 record in 2012, the SU women's lacrosse team expects nothing less from the upcoming

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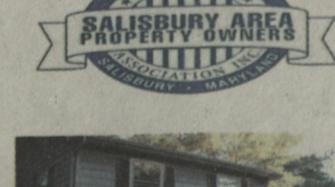
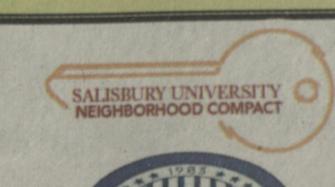
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